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SUBJECT: FRG EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT

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1. NOT HAVING SEEN STATUS REPORT MENTIONED REFTEL,
WE ARE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON POSSIBLE SOURCE OF
EGYPTIAN CONFUSION REGARDING FRG EMERGENCY AID.
HOWEVER, IN CONVERSATION OCTOBER 6, ECONOMIC ADVISER
OF CHANCELLOR, DR. HISS, TOLD ECON/COMM MINISTER
THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE FRG CONTRIBUTION IS INDEED
FIRM AND PART OF THE TOTAL PACKAGE BUT THAT THE
CONDITIONS, MODALITIES AND FORM OF DISBURSEMENT ARE
STILL TO BE WORKED OUT.

2. HISS COULD SEE NO REASON FOR EGYPTIANS TO
CONSIDER GERMAN PLEDGE AS MORE IMMEDIATE CASH IN
THE POCKET THAN THOSE OF JAPAN AND THE
UNITED STATES. HE ASSUMED THAT FRG ECONOMIC
COOPERATION MINISTER BAHR HAD SIMPLY MENTIONED THAT
DETAILS OF THE FRG LOAN ARE STILL TO BE AGREED, A
FACT ALREADY KNOWN TO THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.
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